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Sir:

In reference to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002, please enter the following amendment and remarks, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, into the file of the above-identified application. Attached hereto are: 1) Exhibit A, a marked-up version of the amended claims; and 2) Exhibit B, a list of pending claims upon entry of the present Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A microporous membrane produced by cooling a solution comprising a vinylidene fluoride homopolymer or copolymer having a weight average molecular weight of 1×10^5 or more and a solvent therefor, to form a two-phase gel, said microporous membrane comprising a polymer phase comprising said vinylidene fluoride homopolymer or copolymer, and intercommunicating voids which have an average pore size measured by the half-dry method of 0.005 to 5 μm and extend from one side of the membrane to the other side, and said microporous membrane having a porosity of not less than 54.0% and not more

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